

**REMARKS****I. Status of the Claims**

Claims 7 and 8 have been added and no new matter has been added.

Claims 1-8 are pending.

**II. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102**

Claims 1-6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,487,704 to Meyers et al. (hereinafter "Meyers"). The Examiner states that Meyers discloses every element of the claims.

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection. Claims 1 and 6 recite the steps of:

applying adhesive ...; placing the plurality of folded, flat, unitary blanks ... in at least one stack after the step of applying the adhesive; ... removing one of the folded, flat, unitary blanks from the at least one stack; and moving the removed ... blank from the folded, flat position to an assembled ... position (emphasis added).

Thus, the blanks are glued and folded before they are stacked. The blanks are stacked folded and moved into the assembled position only after the blanks are removed from the stack.

Meyers does not disclose the order of the steps of the claimed invention. Meyers folds, glues and erects his cartons before he places them in a stack. For example, Meyers states:

After the flat, glued shell has been turned, the clamp is opened to release the shell and deposit it in an unloading or pre-breaker station, FIGS. 17 and 18, where a pre-breaker cradle 36 ... [is] effective to squeeze the shell to erect it and then deliver the shell to the receiving or supply magazine 41 of the cartoner ...

Meyers, column 3, lines 48-54. Further,

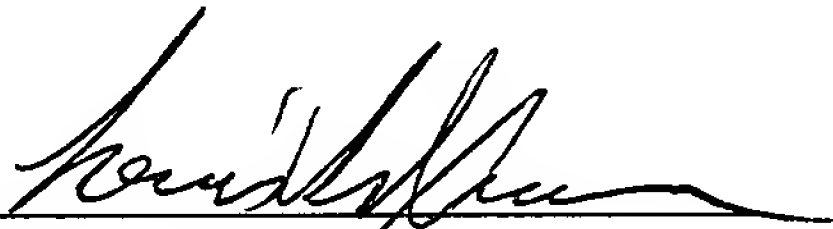
adjustments ... are made to assure that ... the carton has indeed been erected to a square position and ... deliver the broken shell to the supply magazine of the cartoner ... [the] carton erected by the pre-breaker is shown in dashed line at EC,



If there are any other issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved by either a Supplemental Response or a Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below. pass this application to issue.

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